

Road to Recovery

Council crews and specialist consulting engineers have been working over the past month to assess and complete 'emergency work' to assets damaged by the floods across our shire. This is the first stage of the flood recovery process and Council is working closely with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) to provide information and evidence of the work to date to secure funding to cover the cost of this work.

The next stage of work will involve 'reconstruction' of assets damaged by the floods. This is a separate process through QRA under Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) funding, whereby Council is required to provide a detailed scope of works and estimated budget for each project. Essential public assets include transport and public infrastructure such as road and road infrastructure, bridges, tunnels, culverts and stormwater infrastructure.

Once collated, the QRA will review our submission to ensure we meet the criteria and if so, these works will receive funding approval. Once approved, Council will schedule the work through its crews or specialist contractors.

Council is also investigating other projects that would provide improved reconstruction outcomes to ensure council infrastructure is better prepared in the event of future disasters.

By moving from replacement of 'like for like' to seeking improvements and innovation, we can deliver more resilient infrastructure which will better withstand future weather events such as flooding and bushfire.

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

To date, Council has received \$1million under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DFRA), Category D – Local Recovery and Resilience Grant. This allows severely impacted councils to undertake relief, recovery and resilience activities across their communities. Council is using some of these funds for initial emergent works that do not fall into the category of essential public assets such as work associated with Black Mountain Road Trails.

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Works on Wust Road, Cooroy

Landslip areas remain 'no go' zones A reminder to the community that slip areas are not open to the public. These areas are still unstable, and people must stay clear. Follow detours and please drive to the conditions.

Keeping you informed

To keep informed about the recovery process visit <u>https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/wip</u> for updates or follow us on Facebook.

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